GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2773
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CONSUMER COURTS IN RURALS AREAS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Consumer Courts set up in the rural areas of the country, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the nature and functions of the said Consumer Courts;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to set up more Consumer Courts in the rural areas of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) to (c): According to the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, State Governments and UT Administrations are responsible to set up District Forum in each districts. They are also empowered to establish more than one District Forum in a district where it is justified. State Governments and UT Administrations decide the location of the district forum in each district as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Rules of the respective States/Uts.

The number of district forums set up in the country state-wise is given in the annexure. In so far the State of Tamil Nadu is concerned names of the district forums as provided by the State Govt. is as under;

(1) Chennai South, (2) Chennai North, (3) Tiruchi, (4) Erode, (5) Madurai, (6) Srivilliputhur, (7) Nagcrcoil, (8) Vellore & Tiruvannamallai, (9) Salem & Dharmapuri, (10) Coimbatore, (11) The Nilgiris, (12) Chengleput & Villupuram, (13) Cuddalore, (14) Thanjavur, (15) Nagapattinam, (16) Dindigul & Pudukkottai, (17) Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram, (18) Tirunelveli & Tuticorin, (19) Tiruvallur, (20) Tiruvarur, (21) Theni, (22) Namakkal, (23) Karur and (24) Perambalur. Six district forums are clubbed together making the total number as 30.

The consumer forums established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 are quasi-judicial in nature and their function is to adjudicate complaints of aggrieved consumers against any defects in the goods purchased or deficiencies in the services availed including the restrictive trade practices or unfair trade practices adopted by the trade or any person.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (c) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2773 FOR 21/3/2005 REGARDING CONSUMER COURTS IN RURAL AREAS

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF DISTRICT FORUMS IN THE COUNTRY

Sl.No.	State/UT	Number of District Forums.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29
2.	A&N Islands	2
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	15
4.	Assam	23
5.	Bihar	37
6.	Chandigarh	2
7	Chattisgarh	16

8.	D&N Haveli/Daman & Diu	2
9.	Delhi	9
10.	Goa	2
11.	Gujrat	19
12.	Haryana	19
13.	Himachal Pradesh	12
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
15.	Jharkhand	22
16.	Karnataka	30
17.	Kerala	14
18.	Lakshadweep	1
19.	Madhya Pradesh	45
20.	Maharashtra	34
21.	Manipur	8
22.	Meghalaya	7
23.	Mizoram	8
24.	Nagaland	8
25.	Orissa	31
26.	Pondicherry	1
27.	Punjab	17
28.	Rajasthan	33
29.	Sikkim	4
30.	Tamilnadu	30
31.	Tripura	3
32.	Uttar Pradesh	70
33.	Uttaranchal	13
34.	West Bengal	20
Total		588